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FOLLOWING ARE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO AGENDA FOR
APRIL 25-26 MEETING OF OECD STEEL GROUP TRANSMITTED
REFTEL:

2. THE AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THE 4TH MEETING OF THE
AD HOC WORKING GROUP, HELD ON 15TH AND 16TH FEBRUARY,
1978, WAS CIRCULATED UNDER THE REFERENCE CES/78.18.

3. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM DECIDED
ON BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP, THE SECRETARIAT HAS
DISTRIBUTED A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE HISTORICAL DATA
(CES/77.99 & CORRIGENDA 1 & 2) AND MONTHLY QUESTION-
NAIRES RELATING TO THE FIRST MONTHS OF 1978 (CES/78.12
& CES/78.14). ON THE BASIS OF THE REPLIES RECEIVED
AND OF INFORMATION IT HAS COLLECTED FROM OTHER SOURCES,
THE SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED A REPORT CES/78.29 INDICA-
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TING RECENT TRENDS IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY.
THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP
FOR DISCUSSION.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO BE GIVEN INDICATIONS OF
THOSE POINTS IN THE INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH, IN THE
LIGHT OF THE FIRST RESULTS OF THE SYSTEM'S OPERATION,

WILL REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION WHEN FUTURE REPLIES
ARE DRAWN UP.

4. UNDER THIS POINT OF THE AGENDA, DELEGATIONS WILL
BE ASKED TO GIVE INDICATIONS OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE PROBLEMS FACING THEIR IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY
AND TO COMMENT ON THE POLICY APPROACHES WHICH HAVE
BEEN, OR MAY BE, ADOPTED IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN
FINDING SOLUTIONS. DELEGATIONS WOULD WISH TO BRING
OUT IN THE DISCUSSION UNDER THIS ITEM THE MEDIUM AND
LONG TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND
THE TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY MEASURES, INCLUDING
INVESTMENT AND RATIONALISATION PLANS, THAT HAVE BEEN
DECIDED. THE DISCUSSION MIGHT ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THE IMPLICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NON-MEMBER COUN-
TRIES FOR THE WORLD STEEL INDUSTRY.

5. AT THE 4TH MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING
GROUP, THE CHAIRMAN, SUMMARIZING THE PROPOSALS MADE
BY SOME DELEGATIONS, INDICATED CERTAIN DIRECTIONS
WHICH THE FUTURE WORK OF THE GROUP MIGHT TAKE
(CES/78.18, PARAS. 17-20). DELEGATIONS WILL BE INFOR-
MED OF THE WORK PLANNED WHICH SHOULD ASSIST THE
DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD BY THE GROUP AT ITS FUTURE
MEETINGS AND THEY WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS
ON THE USEFULNESS OF THE STUDIES ENVISAGED AND THE
POSSIBILITIES OF CARRYING THEM OUT.

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